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	Filing Date	February 9, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Joe Y.L. Lam
	Group Art Unit	1639
	Examiner Name	Maurie Garcia Baker
	Attorney Docket Number	4446D1

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (1 months, estimated to be \$ 110.00)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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Applicant(s) : Lam et al.

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.